

# BOND BY FIRE

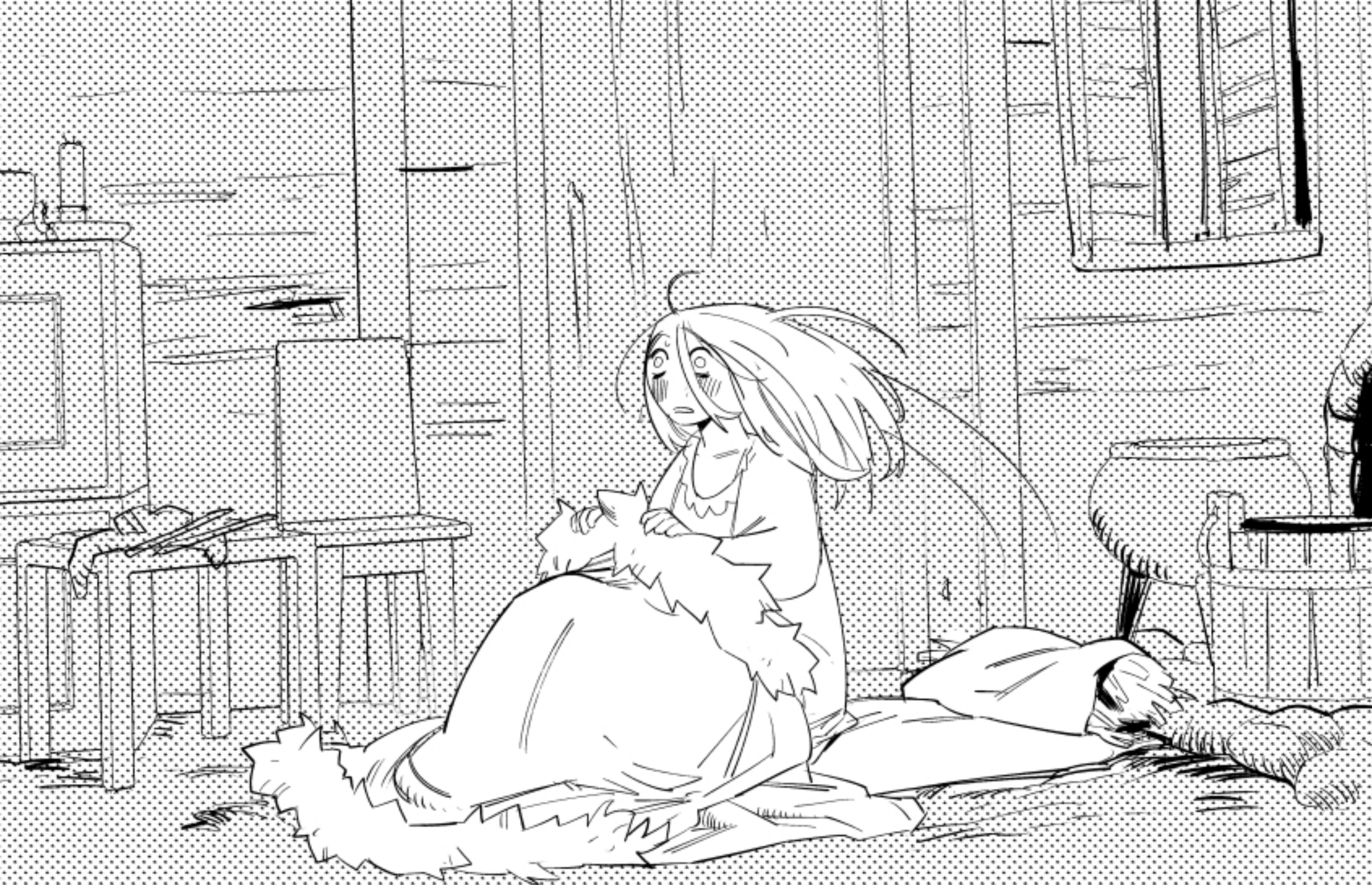
## Chapter 15: The calm before the storm



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I'LL GO SEE  
RICARD

AND THEN I'LL GO  
WASH MY CLOTHES  
AND-

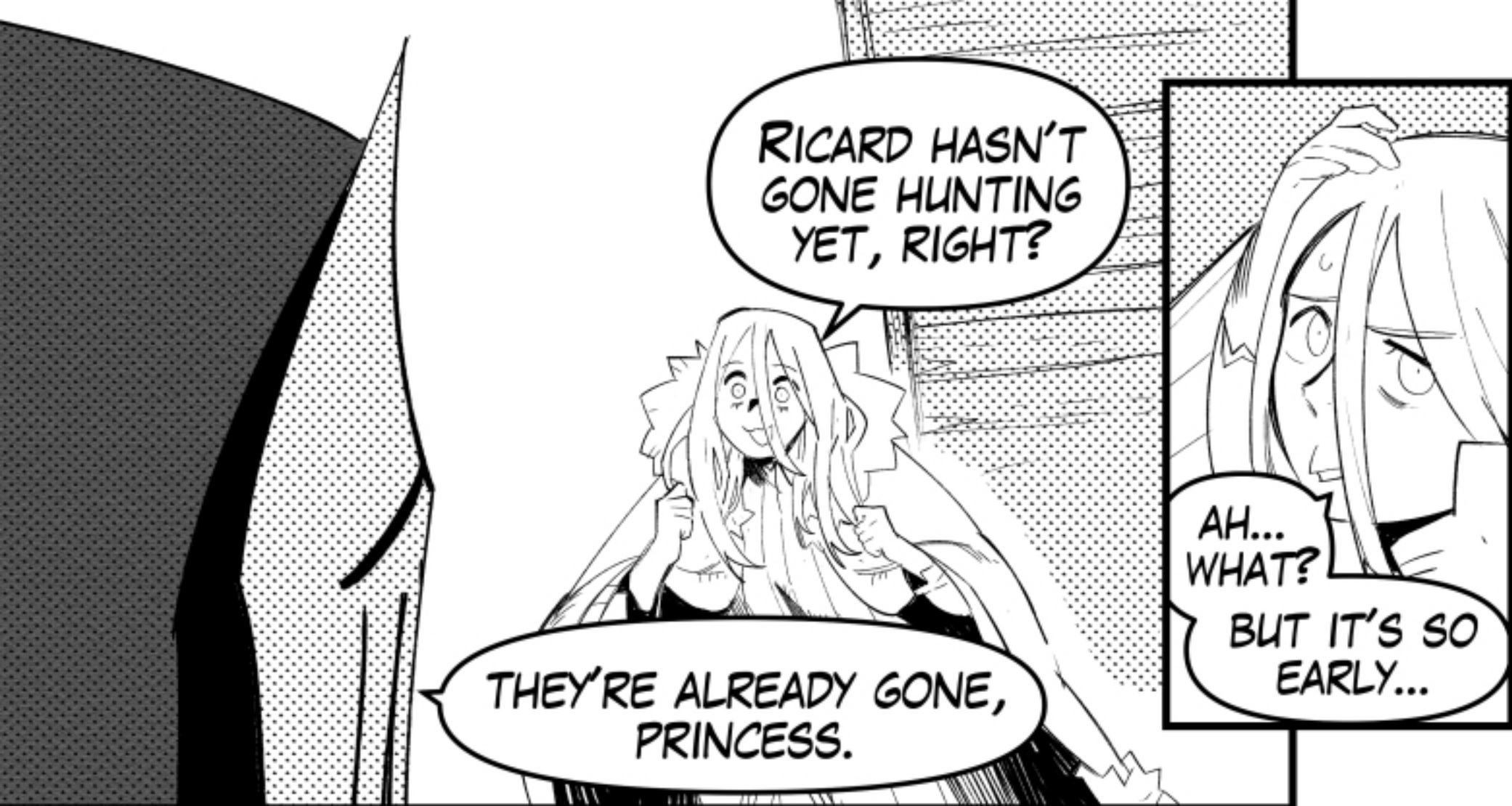
AH



I WONDER HOW  
NERVOUS WILL  
HE GET WHEN  
HE SEES ME!

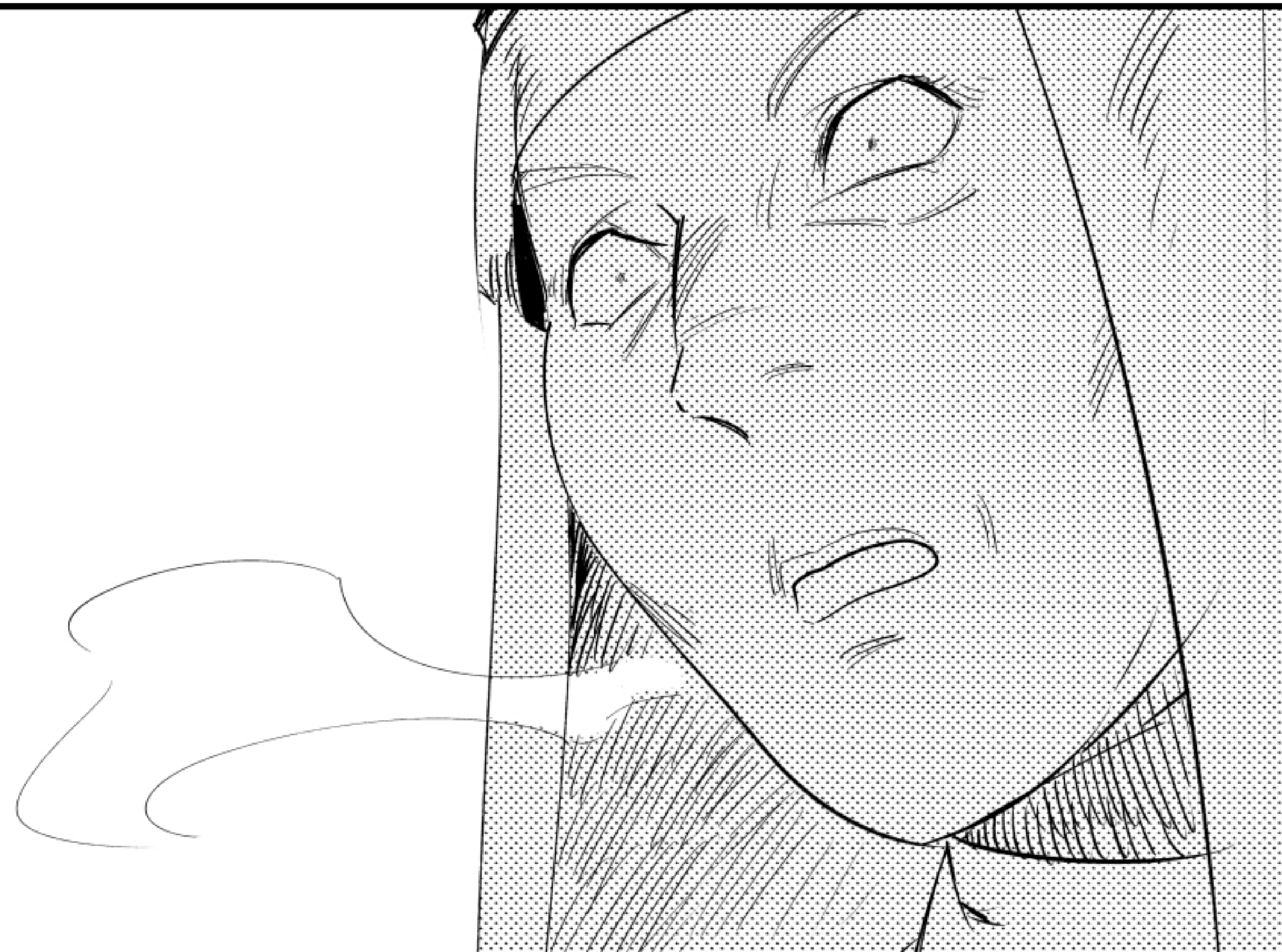
OH- FERMIN!



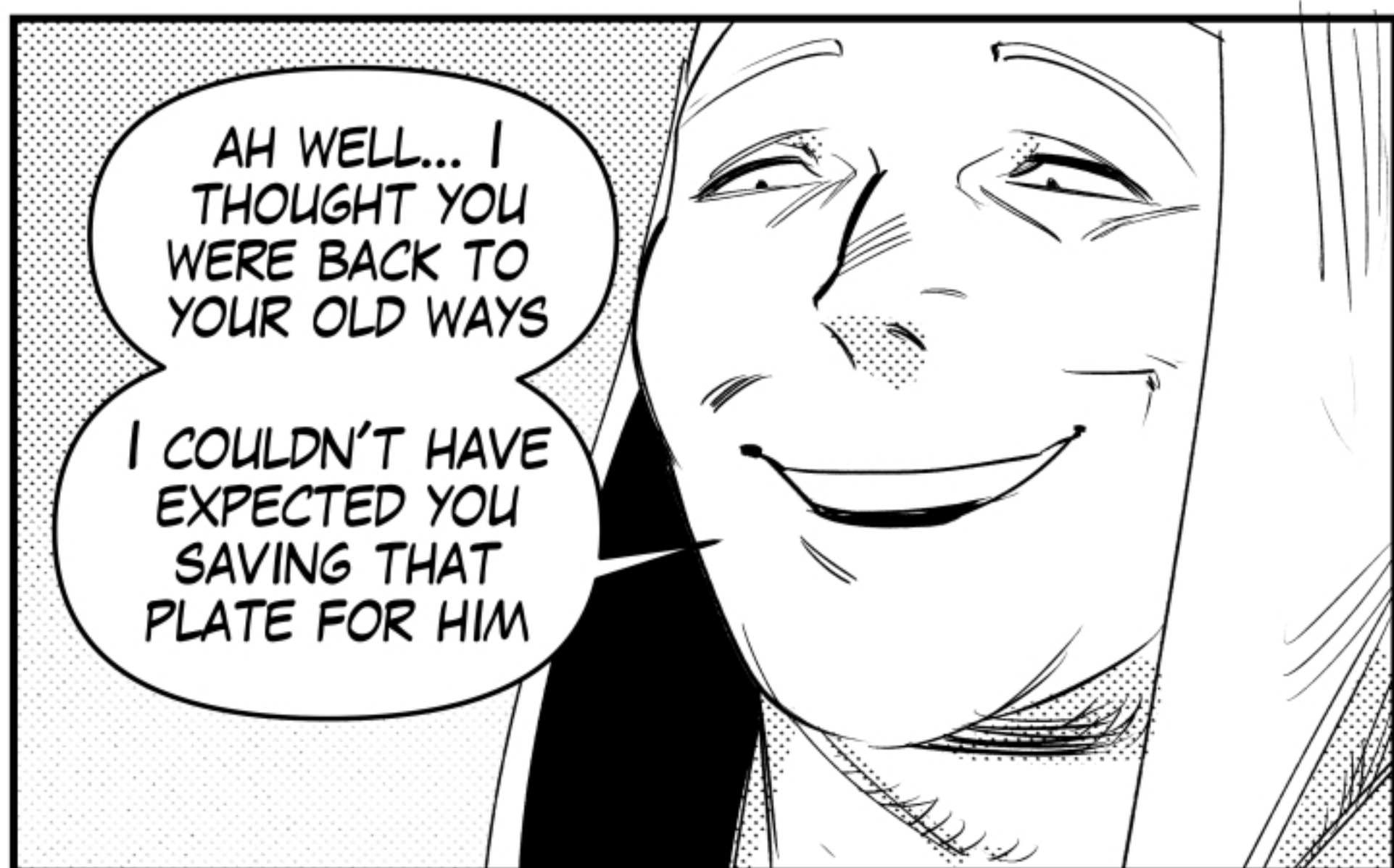






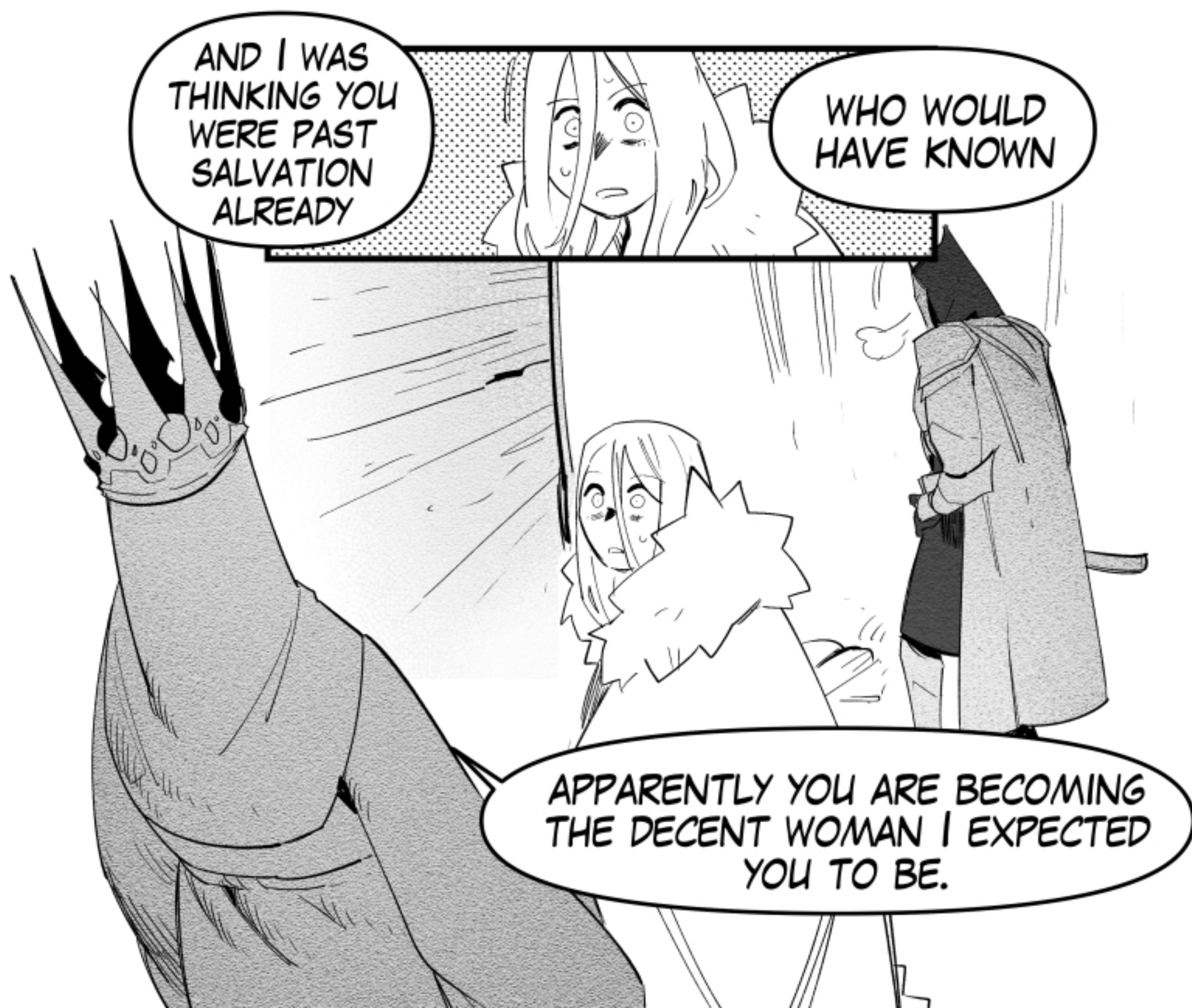






AH WELL... I  
THOUGHT YOU  
WERE BACK TO  
YOUR OLD WAYS

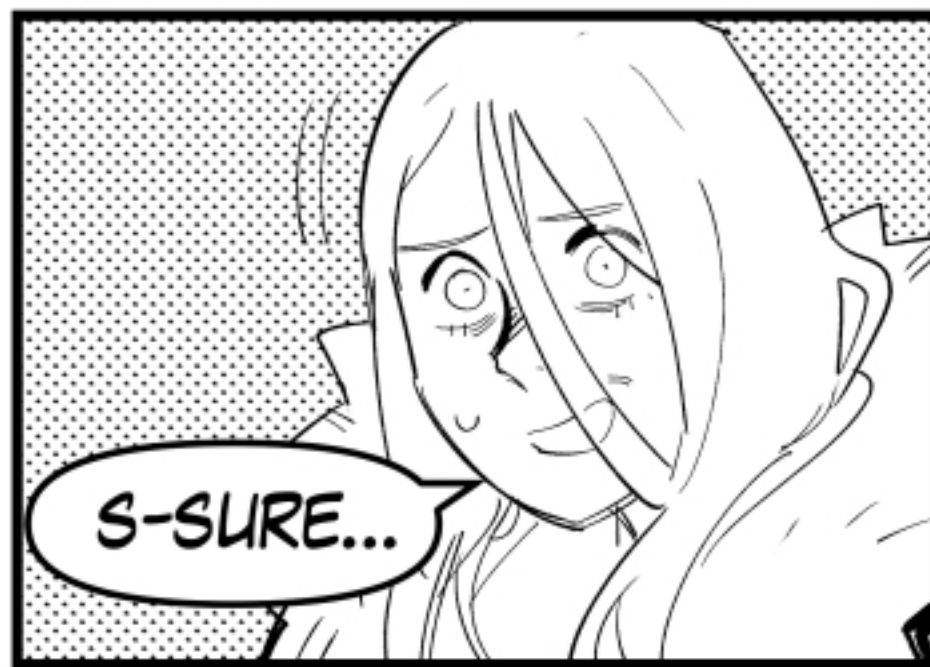
I COULDN'T HAVE  
EXPECTED YOU  
SAVING THAT  
PLATE FOR HIM



AND I WAS  
THINKING YOU  
WERE PAST  
SALVATION  
ALREADY

WHO WOULD  
HAVE KNOWN

APPARENTLY YOU ARE BECOMING  
THE DECENT WOMAN I EXPECTED  
YOU TO BE.





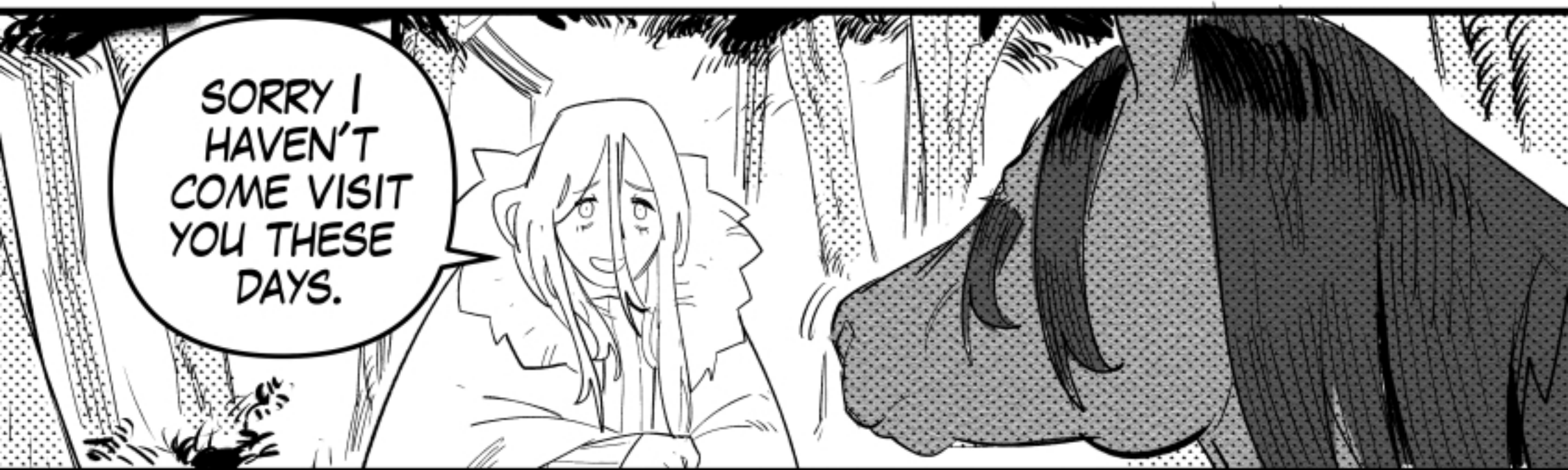


SHE SAID  
I WAS  
DECENT?

INCREDIBLE.



MEREDITH!



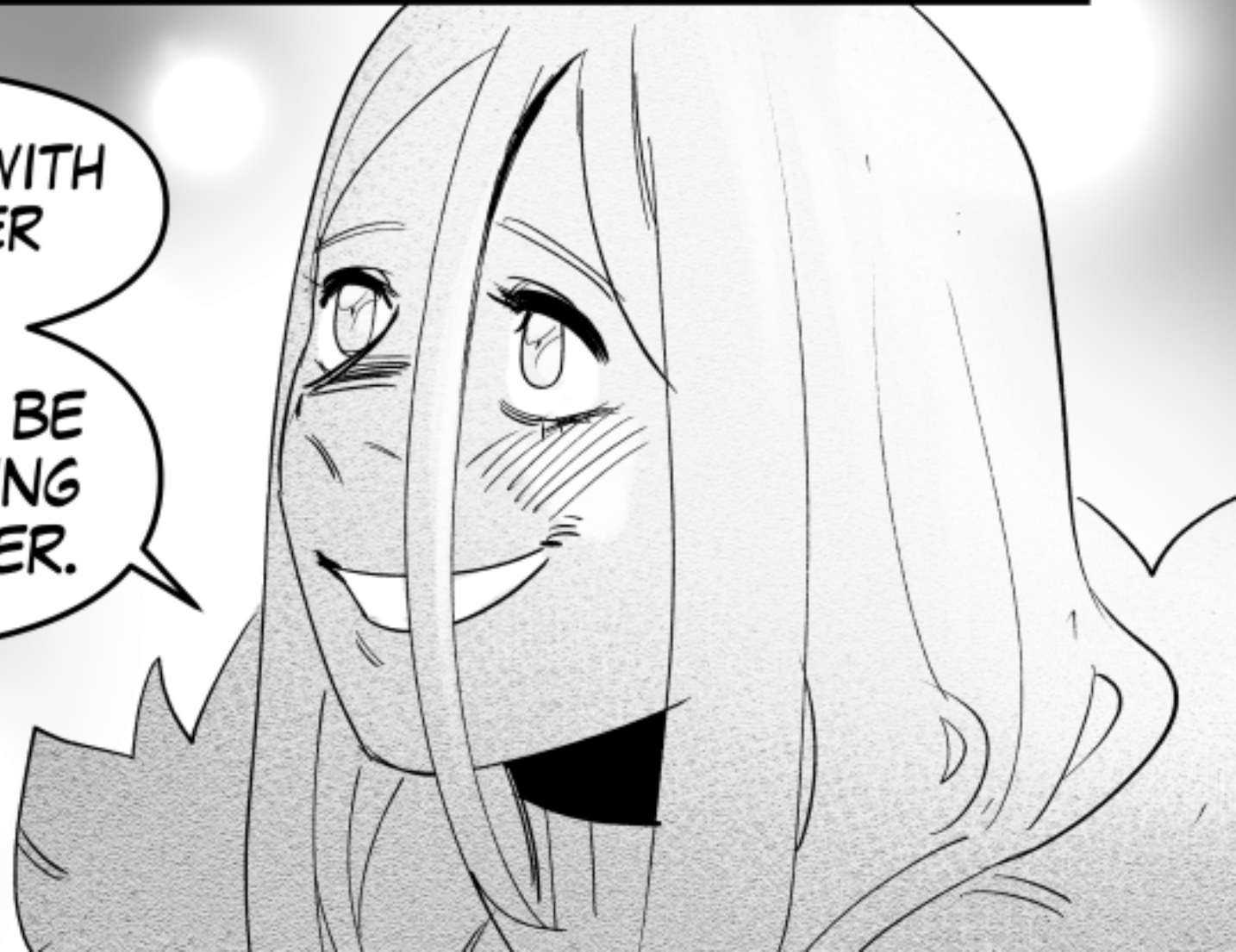
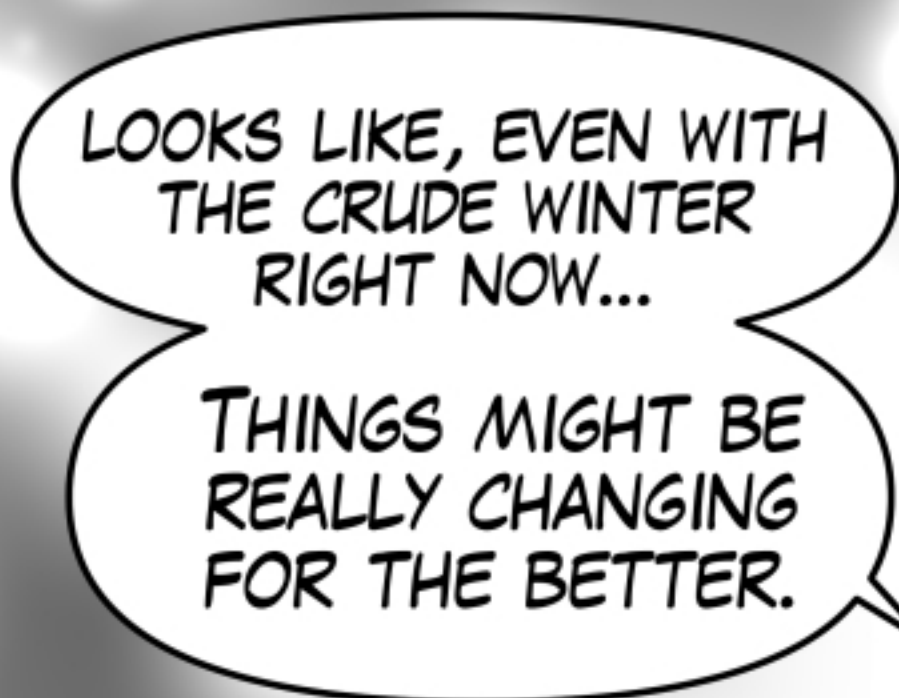
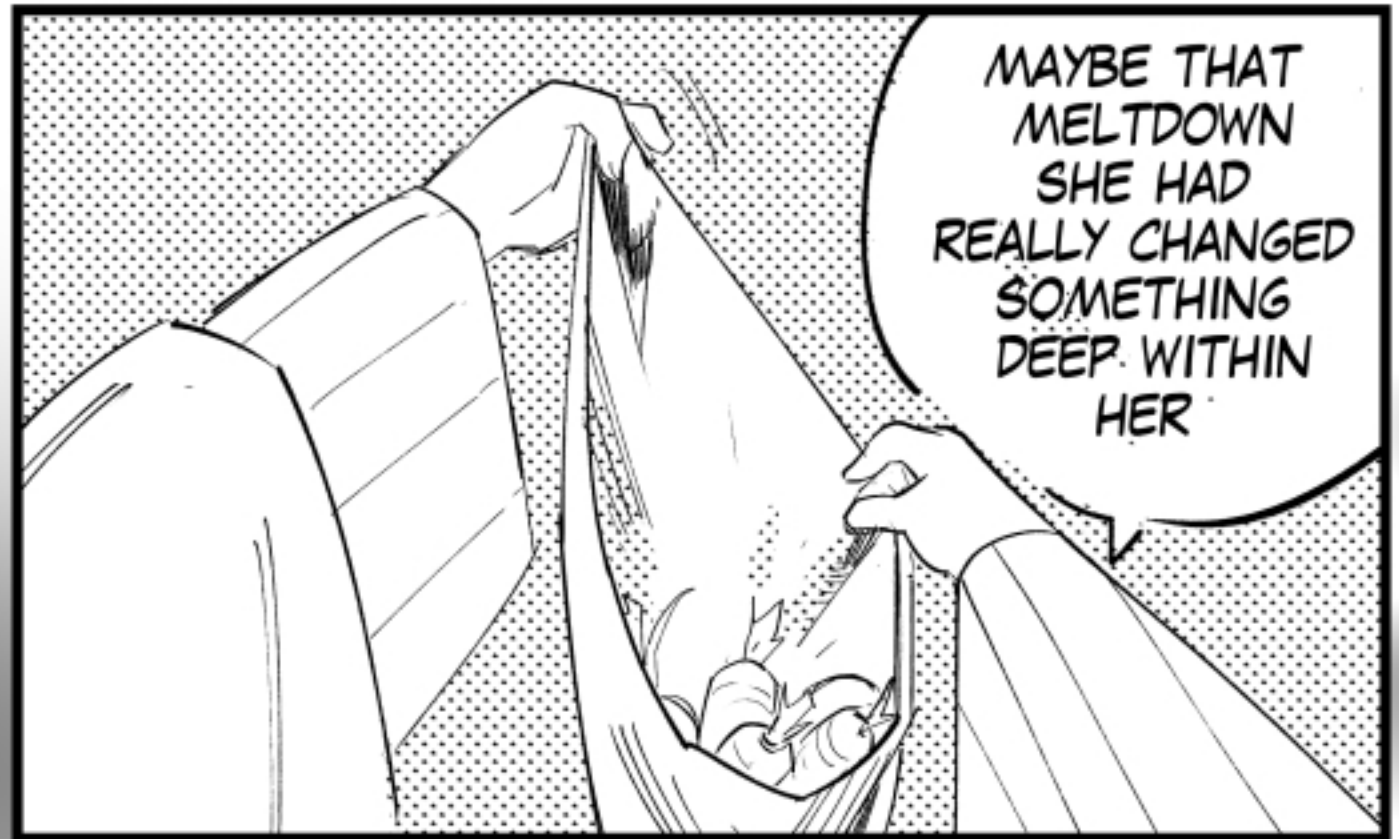
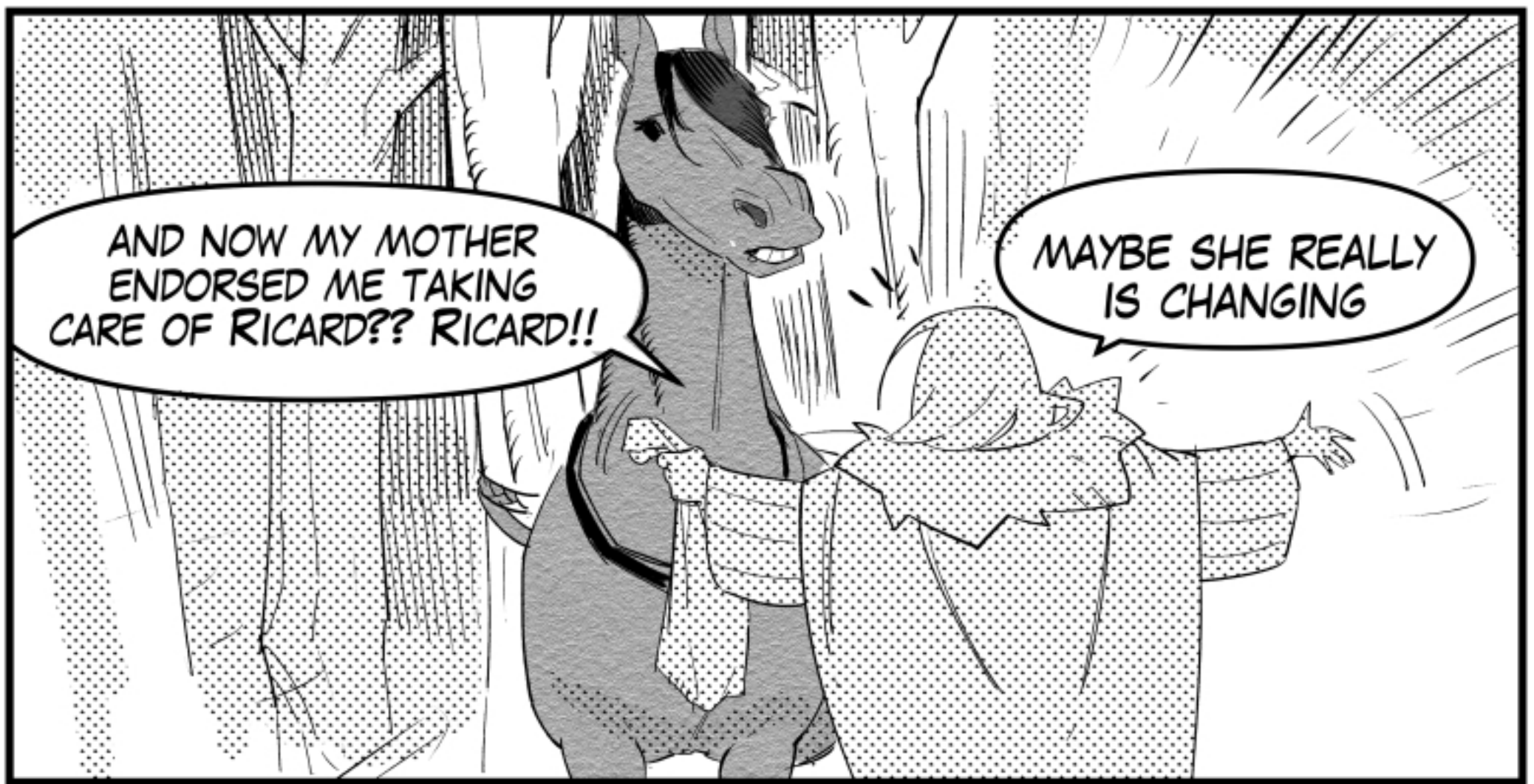
SORRY I  
HAVEN'T  
COME VISIT  
YOU THESE  
DAYS.

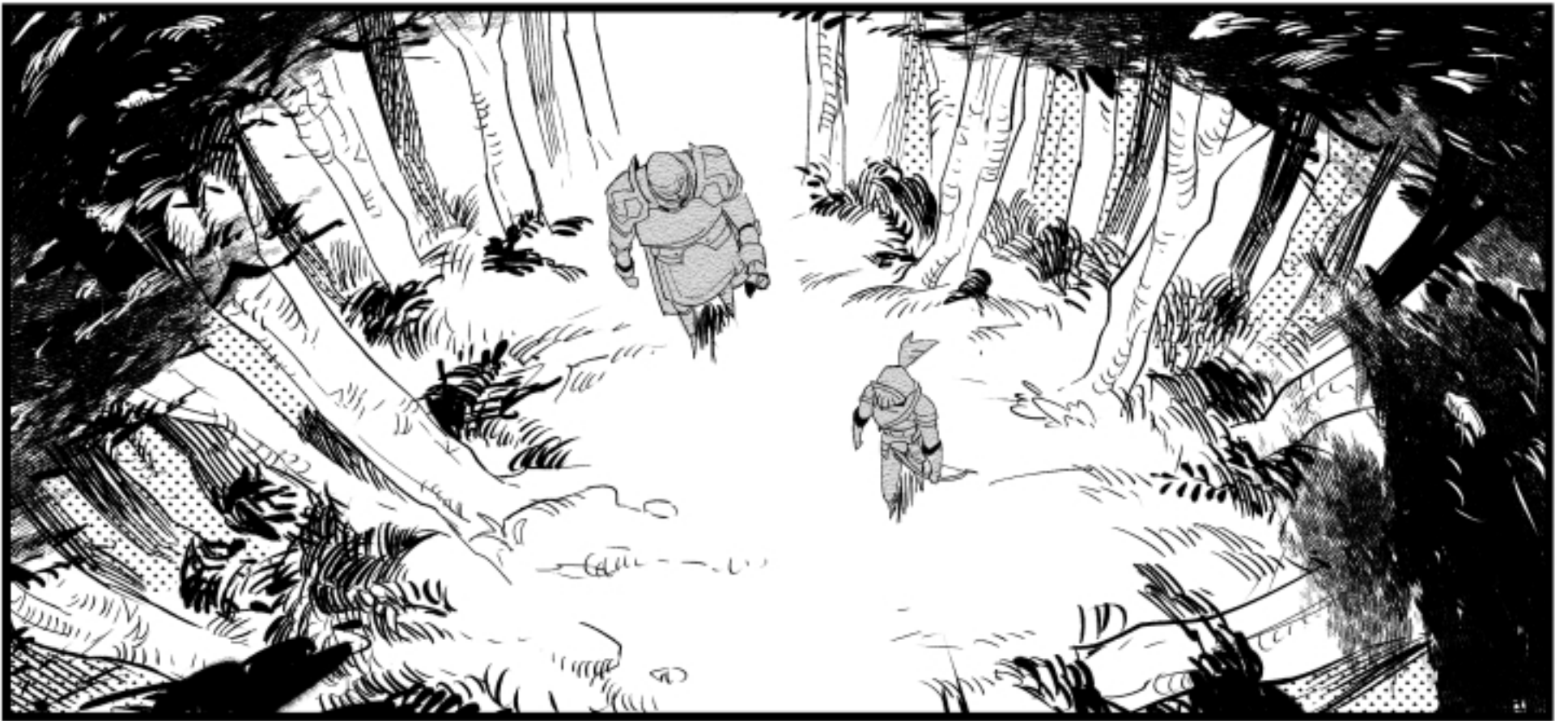


HAS FERMIN  
TAKEN GOOD  
CARE OF YOU?









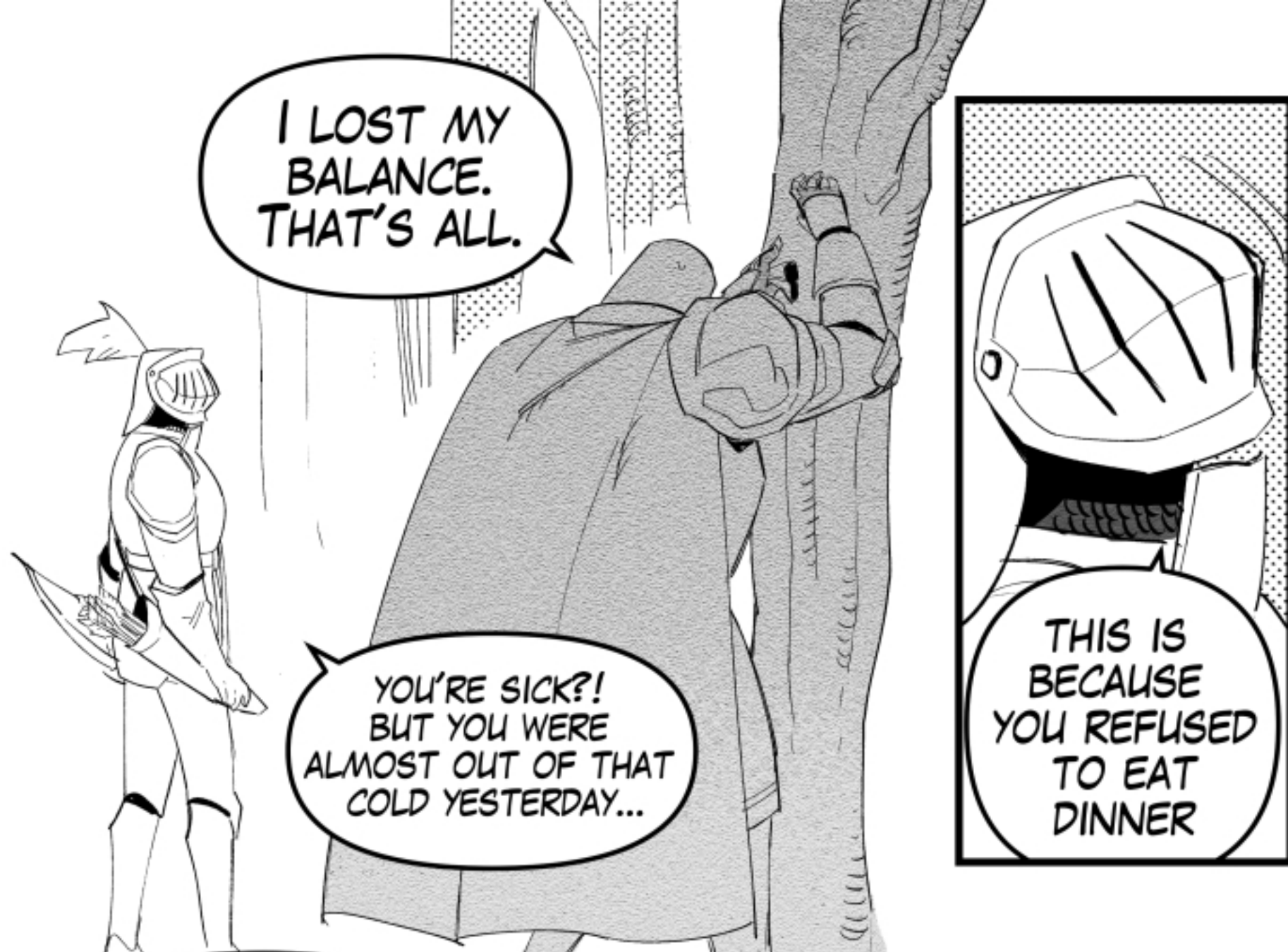


NO ANIMAL IS COMING OUT  
WITH THIS COLD, GODDAMNIT

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THEY  
WILL LET US COME BACK  
EMPTY HANDED  
ANYWAYS...

TO  
NK

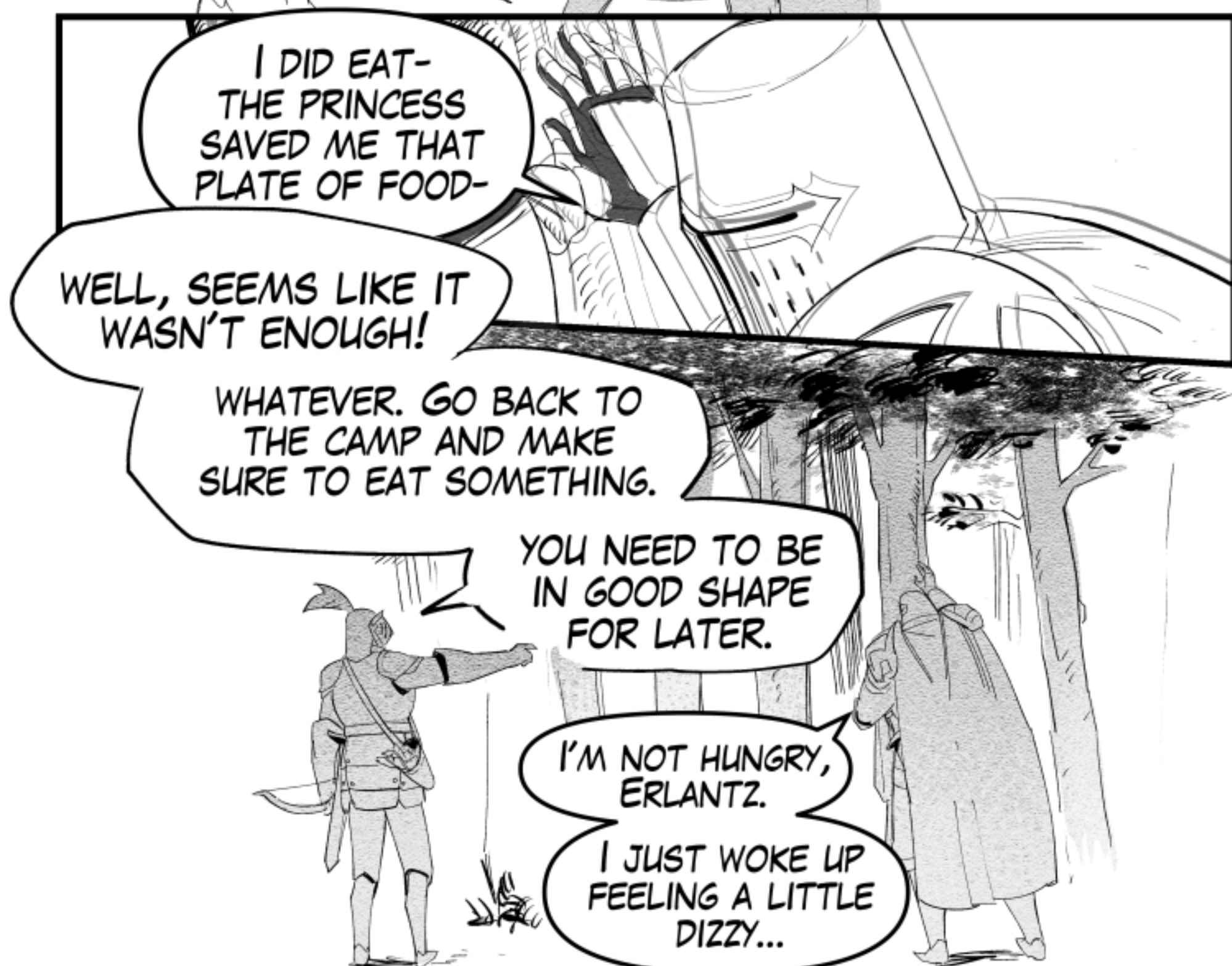
WHAT'S  
WRONG  
WITH YOU?



I LOST MY  
BALANCE.  
THAT'S ALL.

YOU'RE SICK?!  
BUT YOU WERE  
ALMOST OUT OF THAT  
COLD YESTERDAY...

THIS IS  
BECAUSE  
YOU REFUSED  
TO EAT  
DINNER



I DID EAT-  
THE PRINCESS  
SAVED ME THAT  
PLATE OF FOOD-

WELL, SEEMS LIKE IT  
WASN'T ENOUGH!

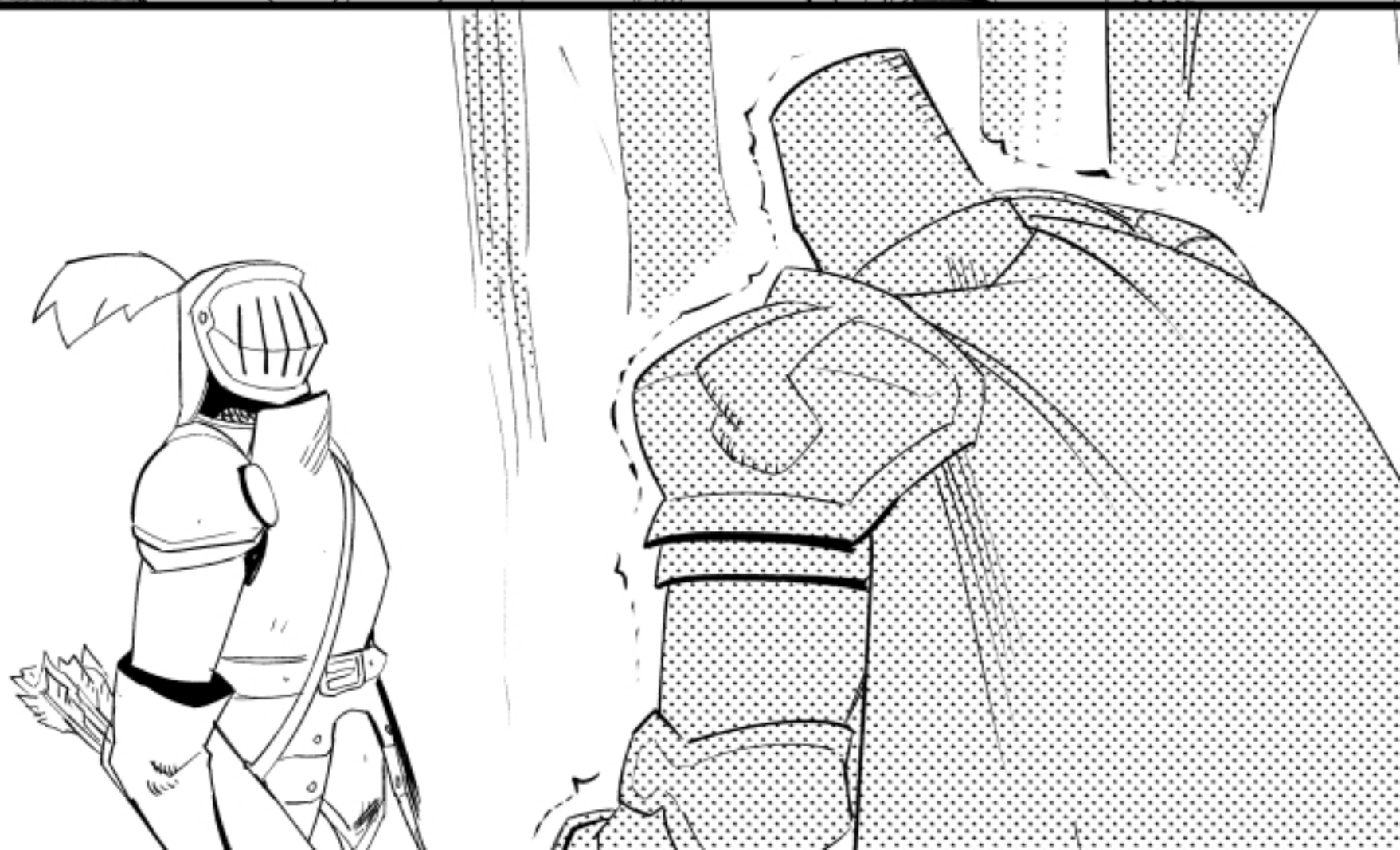
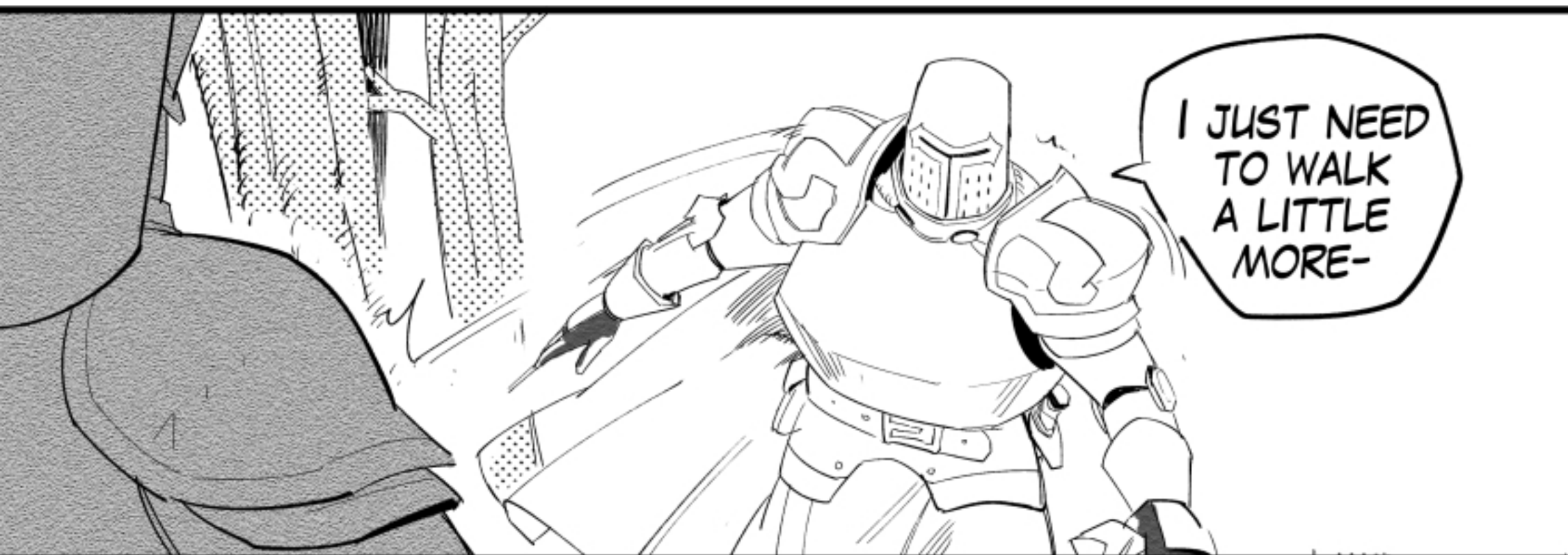
WHATEVER. GO BACK TO  
THE CAMP AND MAKE  
SURE TO EAT SOMETHING.

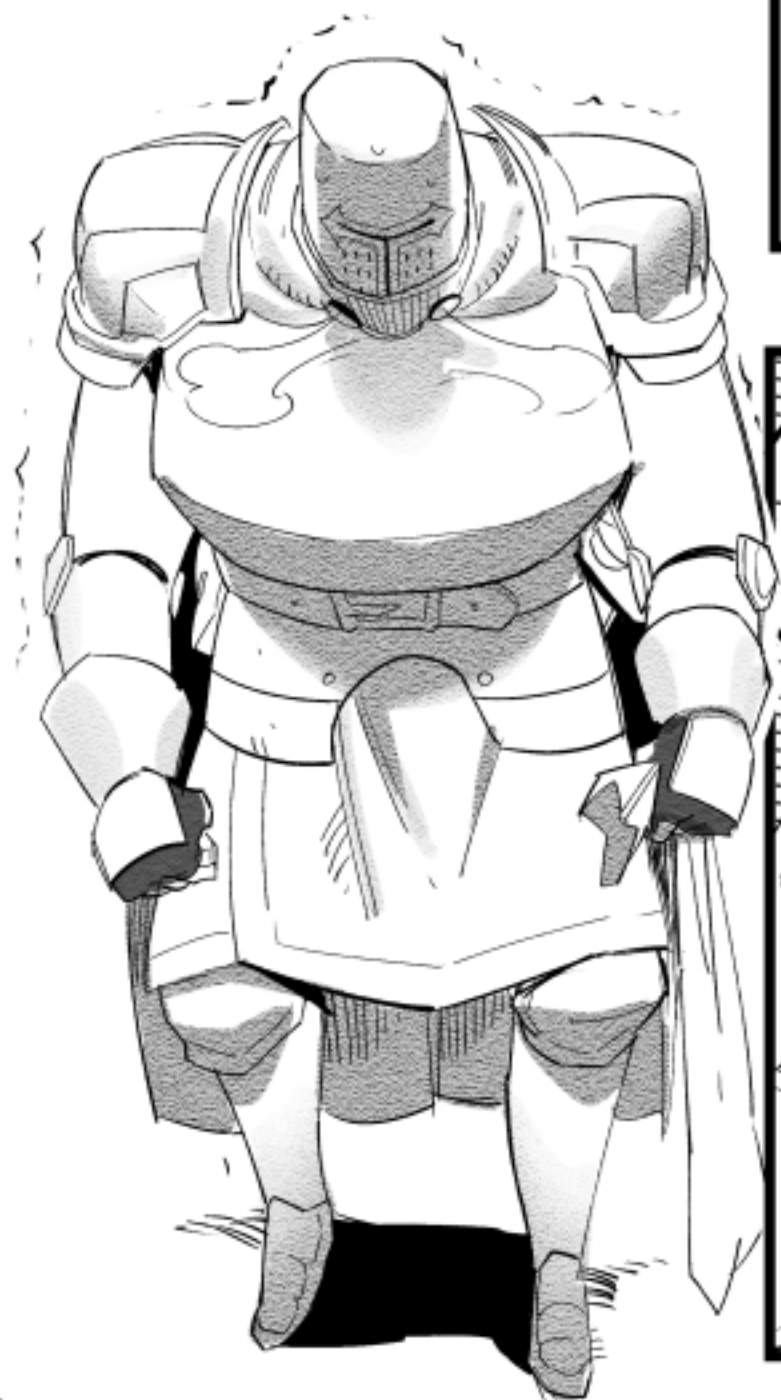
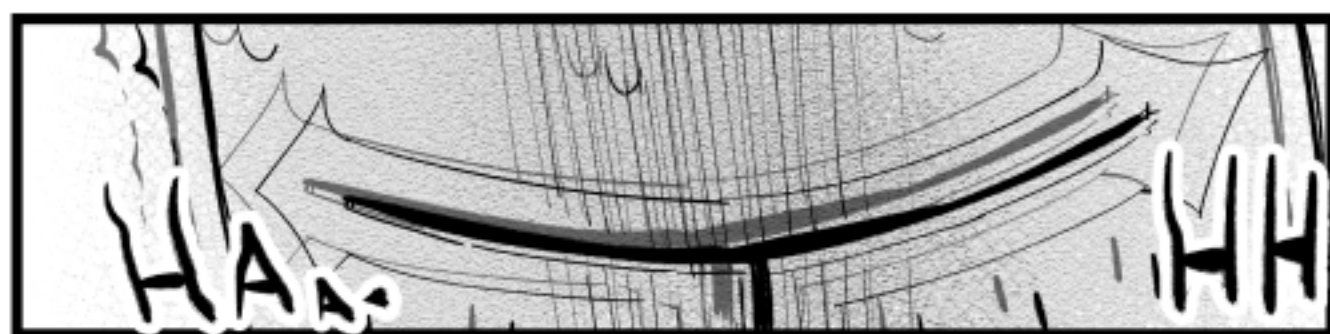
YOU NEED TO BE  
IN GOOD SHAPE  
FOR LATER.

I'M NOT HUNGRY,  
ERLANTZ.

I JUST WOKE UP  
FEELING A LITTLE  
DIZZY...



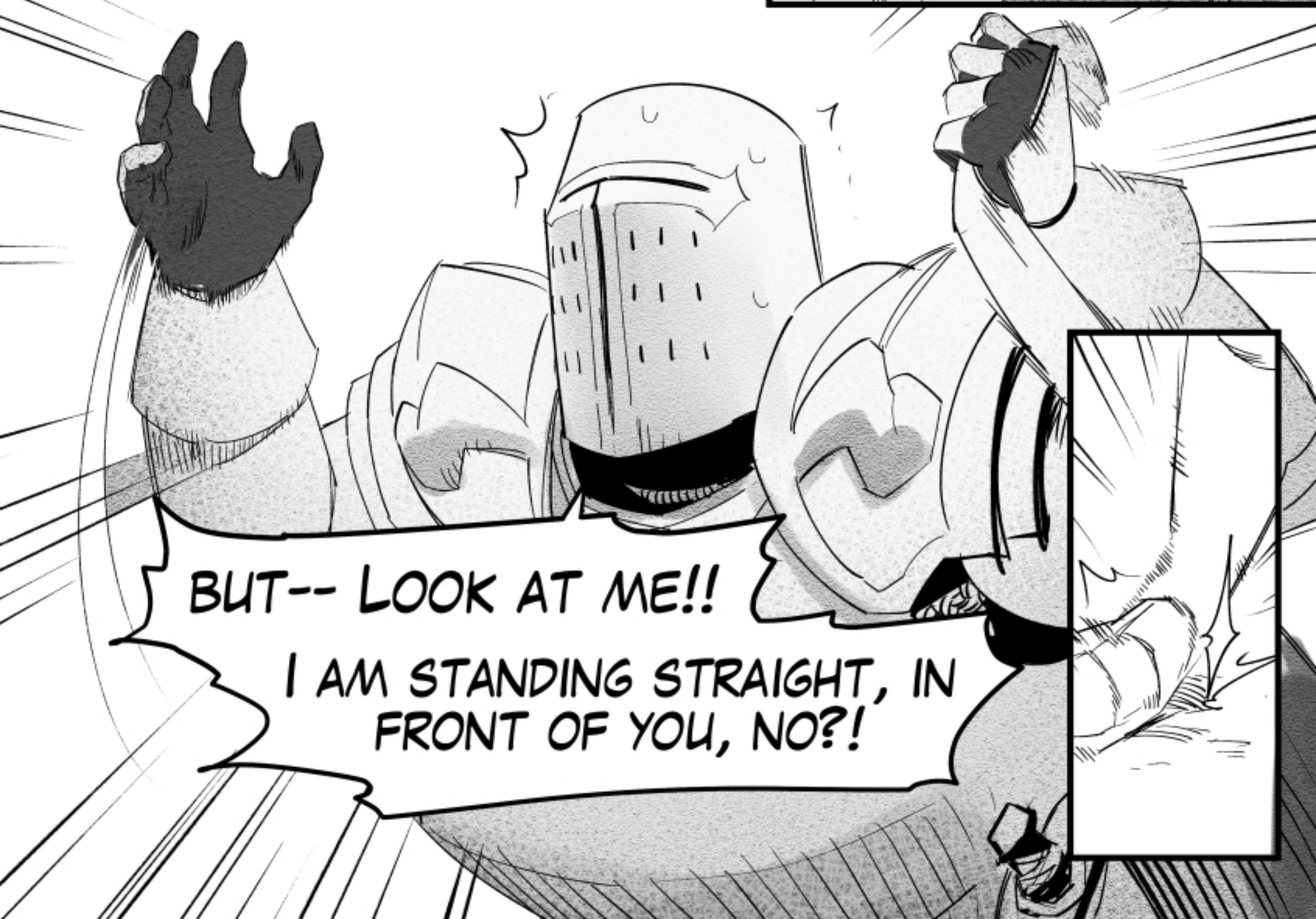




HUM.  
NEVERMIND,  
GO BACK TO  
THE CAMP.



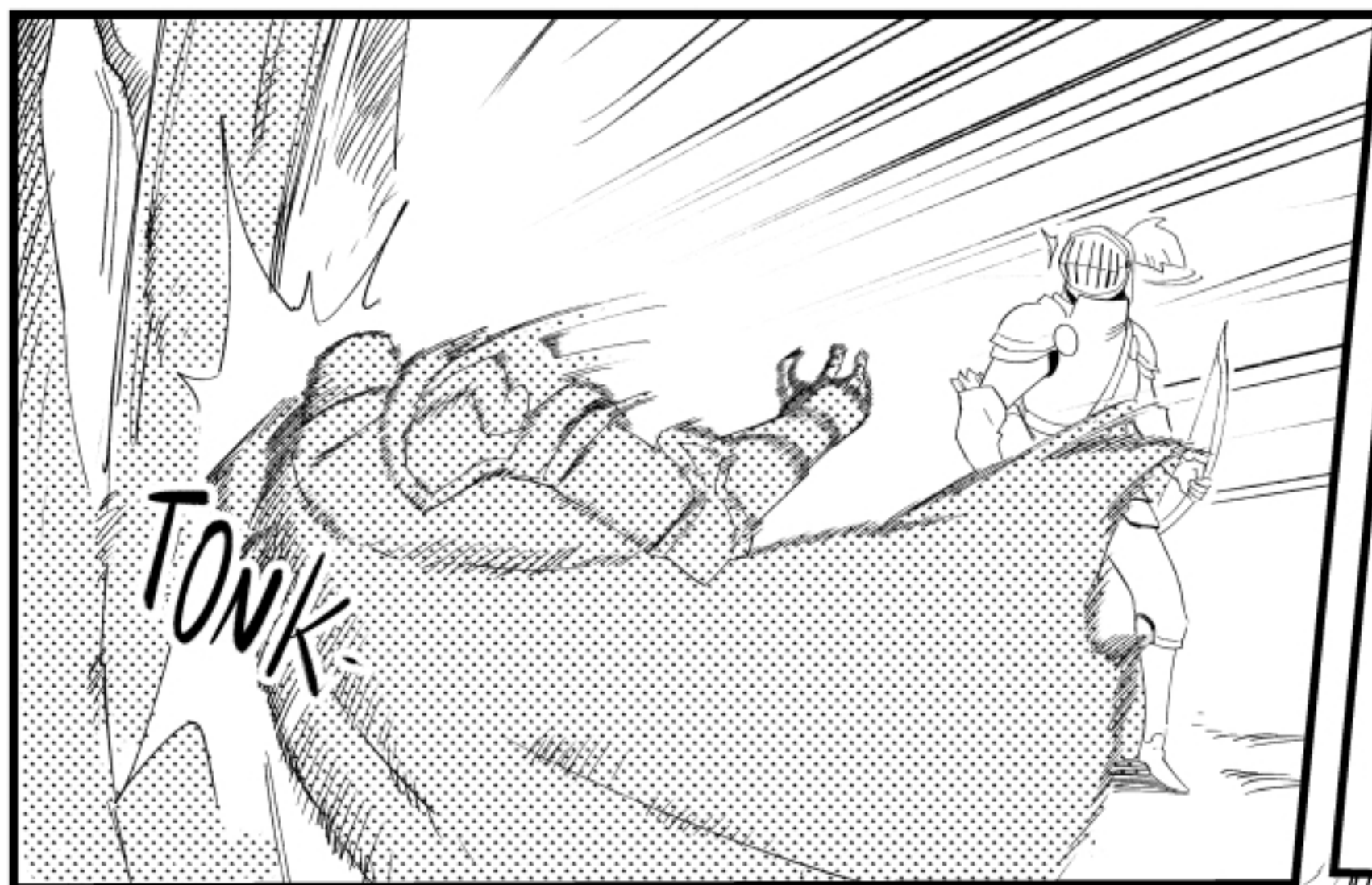
SEEMS LIKE THE COLD  
IS GETTING TO YA  
GO BACK AND STAY  
CLOSE TO THE FIRE,  
ASK HEGE FOR HELP  
OR SOMETHING



BUT-- LOOK AT ME!!

I AM STANDING STRAIGHT, IN  
FRONT OF YOU, NO?!



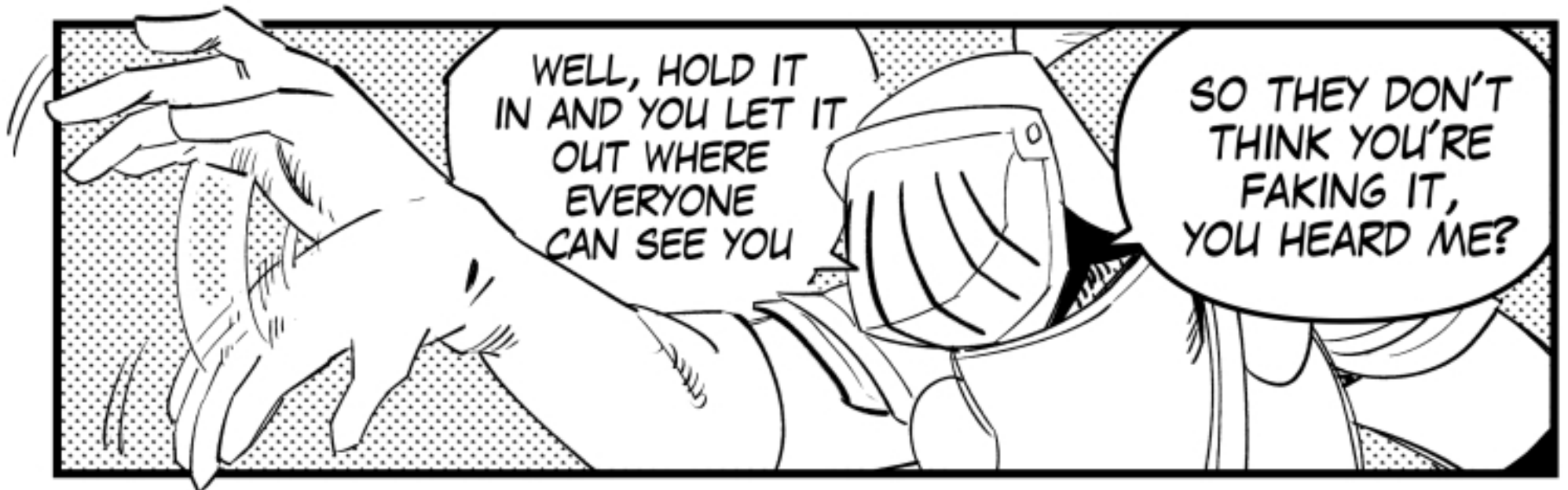




YOU'RE USELESS,  
GO BACK.

EVERYTHING IS  
SPINNING...

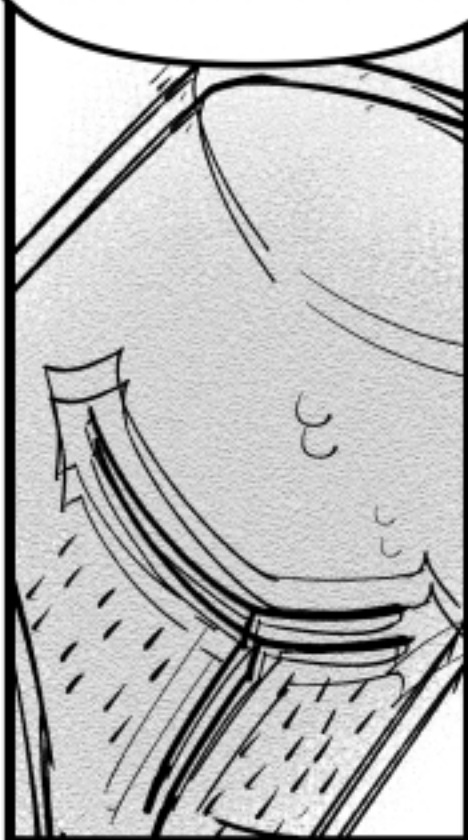
I FEEL LIKE I'M  
GOING TO VOMIT-



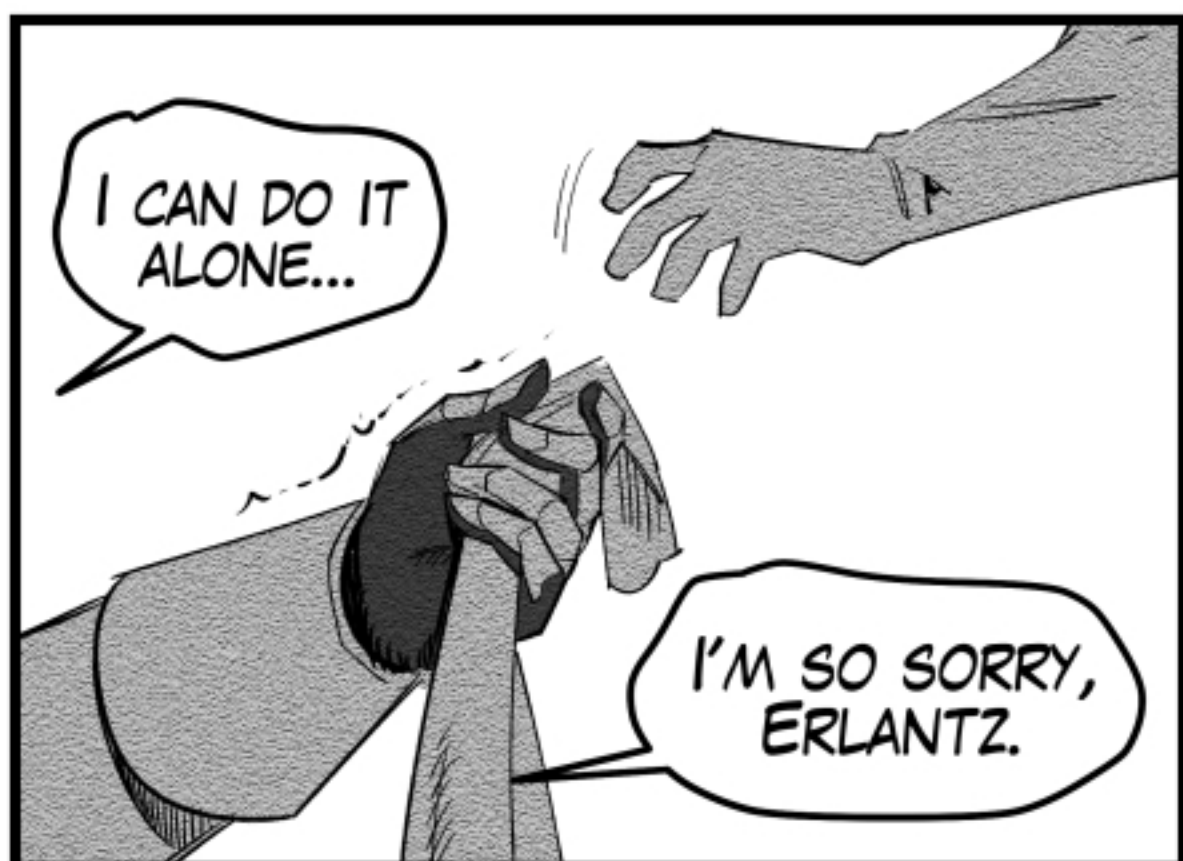
WELL, HOLD IT  
IN AND YOU LET IT  
OUT WHERE  
EVERYONE  
CAN SEE YOU

SO THEY DON'T  
THINK YOU'RE  
FAKING IT,  
YOU HEARD ME?

CAN YOU GO  
ALONE OR MUST  
I GO WITH YOU?

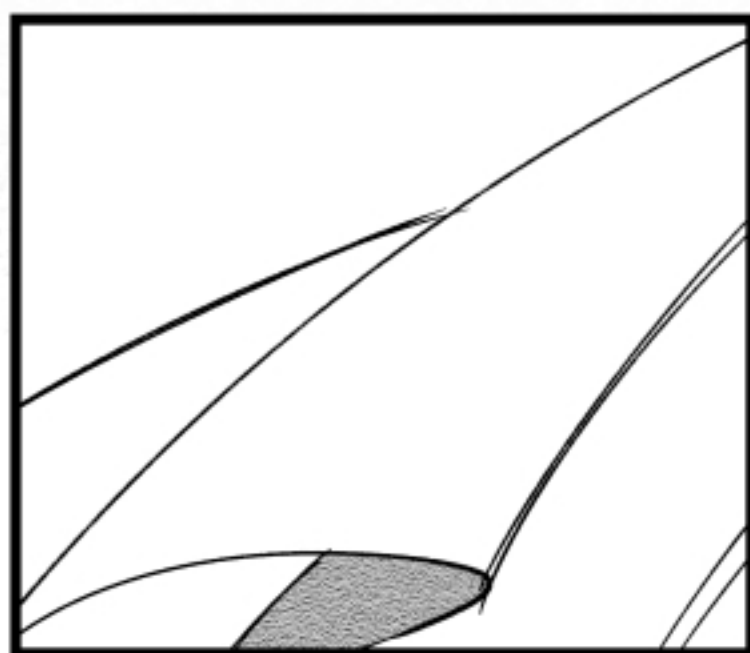


I CAN DO IT  
ALONE...



I'M SO SORRY,  
ERLANTZ.













IF THE SUN DOESN'T COME  
OUT SOON...

WILL YOU TURN INTO  
ONE OF THESE?





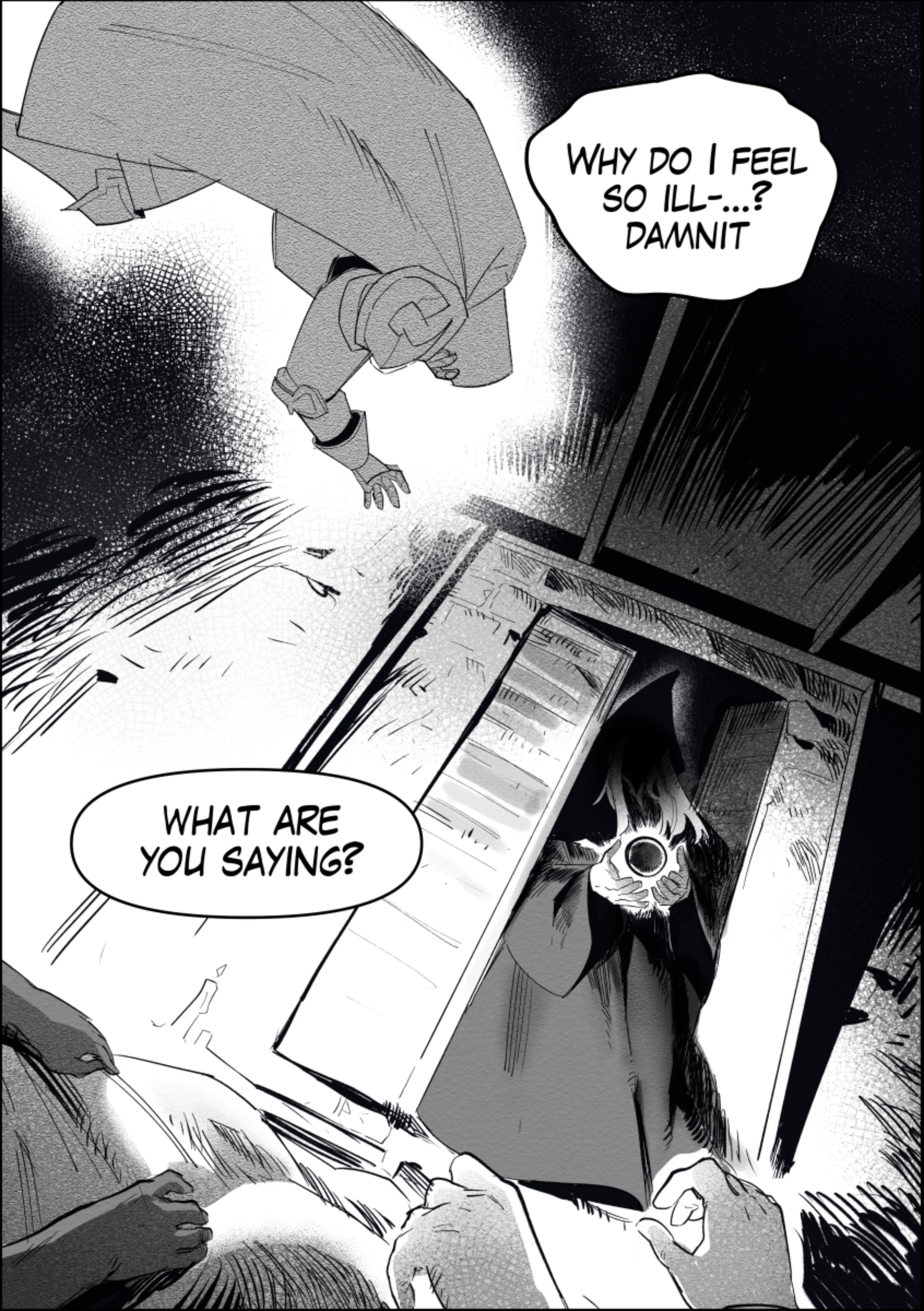


HOW ARE YOU  
STILL ALIVE-?!

HOW?, YOU FREAK!

THIS ONE IS SPECIAL





WHY DO I FEEL  
SO ILL-...?  
DAMNIT

WHAT ARE  
YOU SAYING?



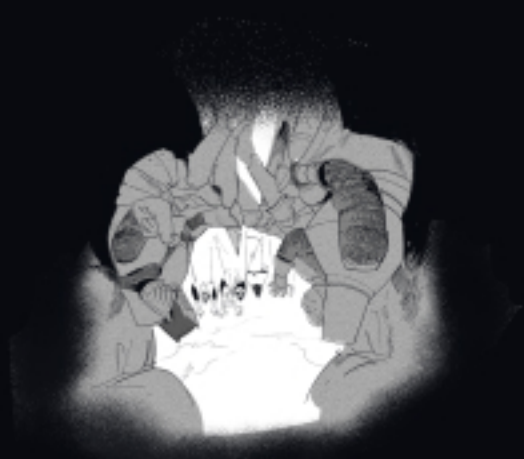


GOODBYE, EVERYONE!

MAKE ME FEEL PROUD



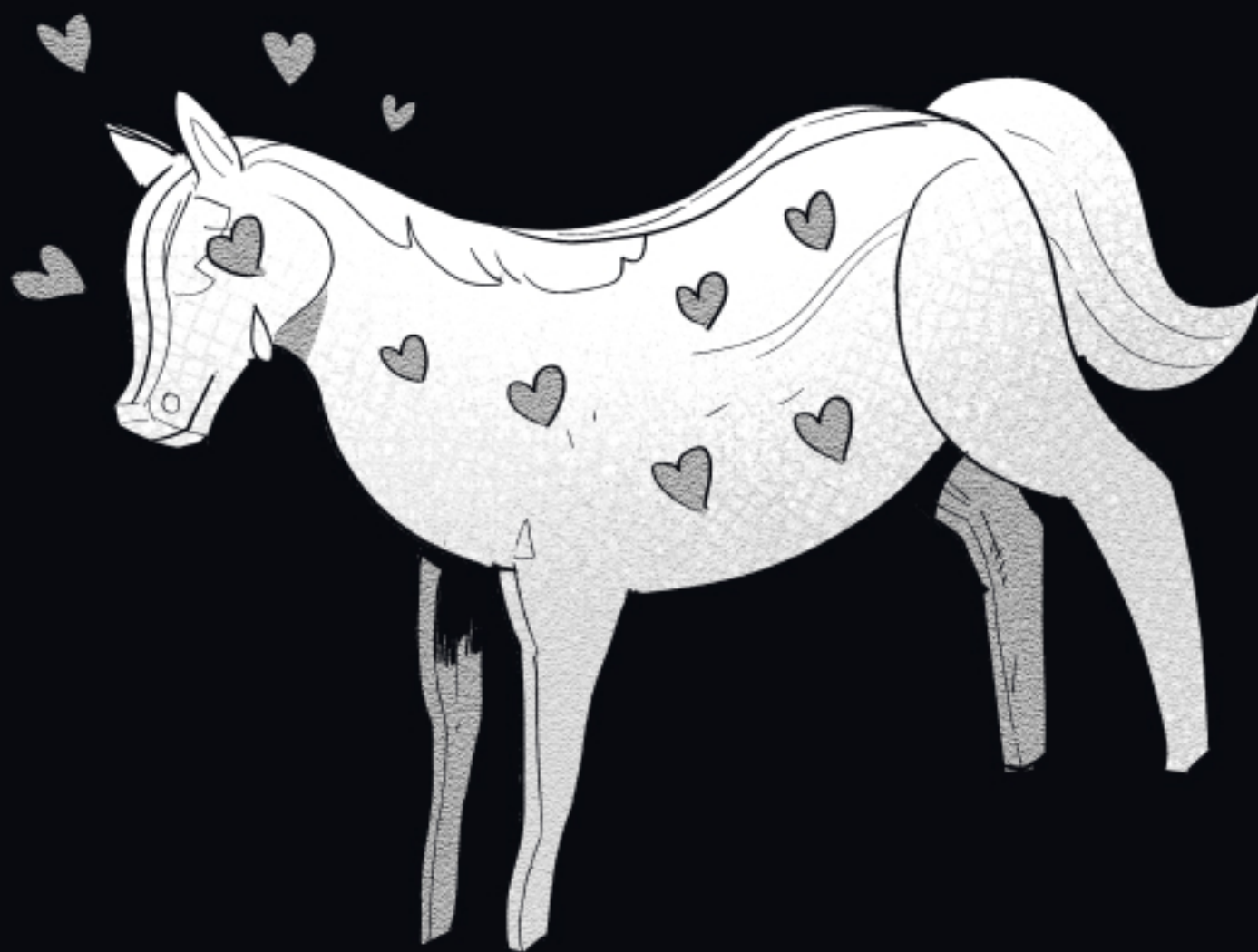






RICARD CARRIED US ON HIS BACK  
AAALL EVENING!

I WANNA PLAY WITH  
HIM EVERYDAY!



RICARD IS OUR FRIEND NOW!





WHO EVEN GAVE YOU THE RIGHT?!

YOU'RE AN ABOMINATION

AND FOR SOME REASON YOU  
THOUGHT YOU COULD EVEN  
GET THAT CLOSE TO THEM

DON'T GO NEAR THEM EVER AGAIN.



YES,  
SIR.

MY SINCEREST  
APOLOGIES.



A close-up of a hand holding a piece of paper, with the hand's fingers visible. The paper is white and has some faint lines on it.

IF I WRITE TO  
MOTHER GIANNA  
... DO YOU  
THINK SHE WILL  
REPLY?

A close-up of a hand holding a piece of paper, with the hand's fingers visible. The paper is white and has some faint lines on it.

WHY WOULD YOU  
DO THAT? I BET  
WHEN THEY SEE  
IT'S COMING FROM  
AN ASH MAN, IT WILL  
BE INCINERATED.

A close-up of a hand holding a piece of paper, with the hand's fingers visible. The paper is white and has some faint lines on it.

BESIDES, YOUR HANDWRITING  
IS HORRENDOLUS.





**FIGHT!**

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**COME ON, BEHEAD HIM  
ALREADY!**

**CUT HIS  
OTHER ARM!**

STOP  
AVOIDING  
HIM YOU  
COWARD!

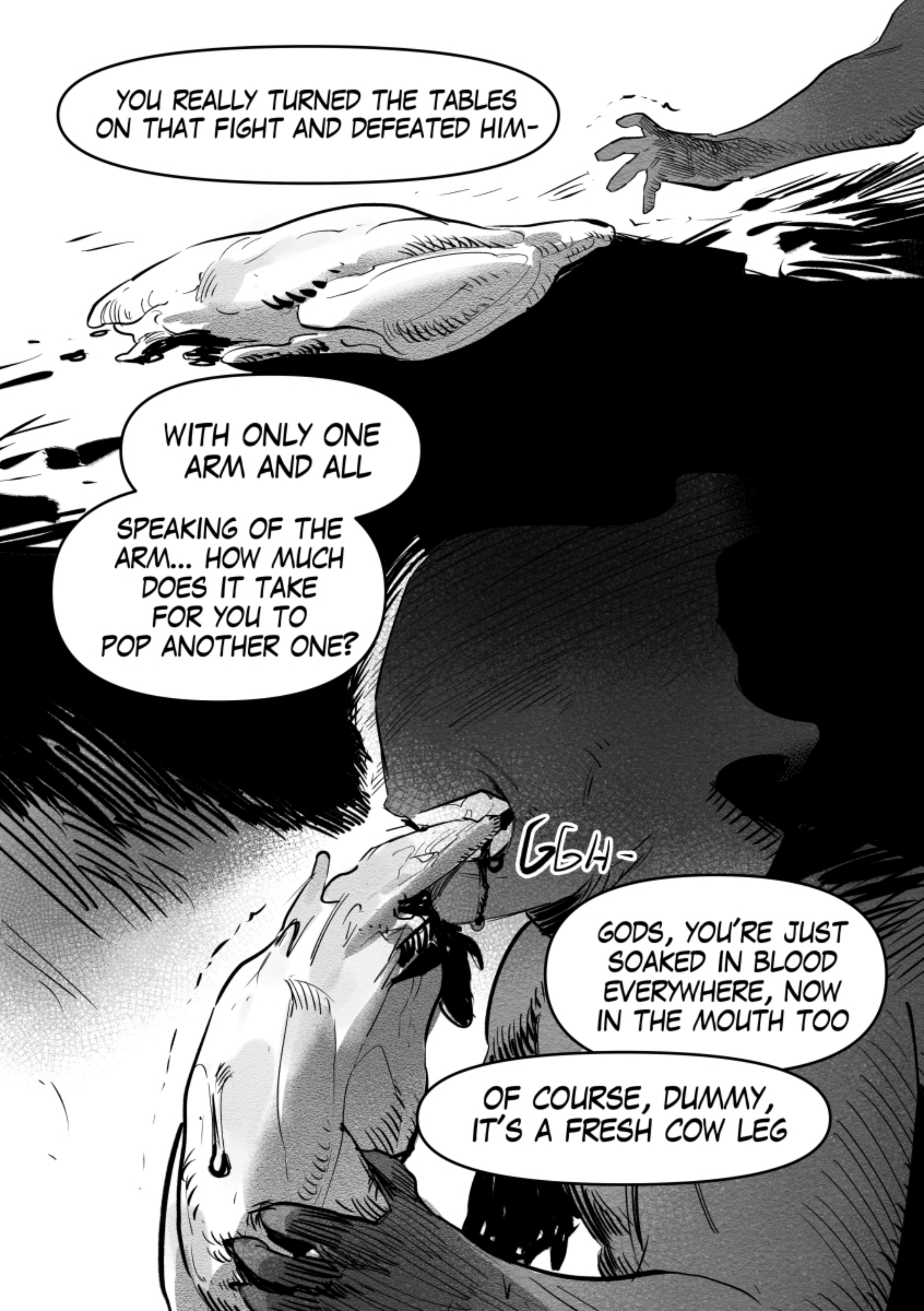
MUTILATE  
HIM!





I HEARD THAT ASH MEN EATING  
MEAT CAN HELP THEM REGENERATE  
FASTER, IS THAT RIGHT?





YOU REALLY TURNED THE TABLES  
ON THAT FIGHT AND DEFEATED HIM-

WITH ONLY ONE  
ARM AND ALL

SPEAKING OF THE  
ARM... HOW MUCH  
DOES IT TAKE  
FOR YOU TO  
POP ANOTHER ONE?

GGH-

GODS, YOU'RE JUST  
SOAKED IN BLOOD  
EVERYWHERE, NOW  
IN THE MOUTH TOO

OF COURSE, DUMMY,  
IT'S A FRESH COW LEG





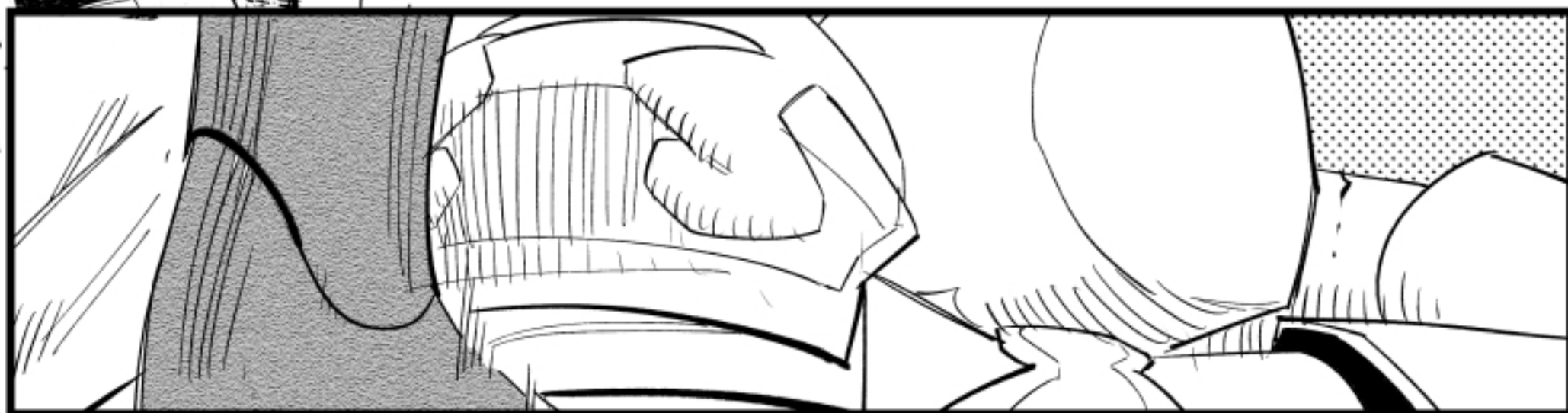
IT'S STILL  
DISGUSTING!!

ASH MEN ARE  
REALLY VOMITIVE  
CREATURES

HE'S LIKE  
A FUCKING  
DOG OR  
SOMETHING

STOP STARING AT US!  
EAT THE GODDAMNED  
MEAT WE GOT FOR YOU

IT WASN'T CHEAP,  
YOU UNGRATEFUL  
BASTARD!



CAN YOU TELL ME  
WHY IT IS THAT  
YOU'RE HERE?







I DON'T  
FEEL WELL.